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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 12, 1998, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-31) drawn to oligonucleotides for prosecution at this time. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement because the methods, therapeutic compositions, and kits of the nonelected claims require as a limitation the oligonucleotides recited in the elected claims and, as such, are an integral part of these claims. However, for the purposes of responding to the present Office Action, claims 32/41 are canceled without prejudice for prosecution at a later date.

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